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## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 6 and 11.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in this application.

### Listing of Claims

1-5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) A device for carrying out the minimally invasive withdrawal of blood from an animal by using blood-sucking assassin bugs, the device comprising:

a first receptacle comprising a perforated outside wall and a first moveable partition, and

a second receptacle connected to the first receptacle and comprising second moveable partition,

~~wherein there is an at least partially perforated common separating wall between the first receptacle and the second receptacle,~~

~~wherein the assassin bug is located in the first receptacle and the animal is located in the second receptacle, and the animal is held against the at least partially perforated common separating wall by the second movable partition so that the assassin bug can be positioned against the animal and can withdraw blood from the animal, and, once the blood has been withdrawn, the assassin bug can be held in place against the perforated outside wall of the first receptacle by the first movable partition and blood can be removed from the abdomen of the assassin bug using an injection syringe.~~

7. (Previously Presented) A device according to Claim 6, wherein the first receptacle comprises a piston rod on the opposite end surface on which the movable partition is arranged.

8-10. (Canceled)

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11. (Currently Amended) A device according to Claim 6, wherein the second receptacle moveable partition comprises a moveable disk, by which the animal is held against the at least partially perforated common separating wall.